

**BILL #** HCR 2004

**TITLE:** lieutenant governor

**SPONSOR:** Huppenthal

**STATUS:** House Engrossed

**REQUESTED BY:** Senate

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	<b>FISCAL YEAR</b>		
	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
General Fund	\$-0-	\$-0-	Minimal

### **FISCAL ANALYSIS**

#### **Description**

The resolution would submit a ballot proposition to the voters to amend the Arizona Constitution to change the title of the Secretary of State to the Lieutenant Governor.

#### **Estimated Impact**

The resolution could potentially result in a minimal one-time state General Fund cost in FY 2005, but only if the resolution caused the Secretary of State to spend more for the production and distribution of the publicity pamphlet than in the previous election. There would also be a minimal cost associated with changing the title of the office; however, this additional cost could be absorbed within the agency's existing resources.

The Secretary of State estimates that the resolution would result in a nominal cost to update agency printed and electronic materials, but that this additional cost could be absorbed within existing resources.

#### **Analysis**

The resolution imposes two requirements on the Secretary of State: 1) Submit a ballot proposition to the voters of Arizona, and, if the voters approve the proposition, 2) Change the title of the Secretary of State to the Lieutenant Governor.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 19-123, when the Secretary of State is ordered by the Legislature to submit to the voters a ballot proposition to amend Arizona Revised Statutes or the Arizona Constitution, the Secretary of State shall print and mail a publicity pamphlet to each Arizona household with a registered voter. The publicity pamphlet includes the text or a summary of the proposed measure, arguments for and against the measure, a Legislative Council analysis of the measure, and a JLBC Staff fiscal impact analysis of the measure.

The cost to produce and mail the publicity pamphlet for the 2004 election (FY 2005) will depend on the number and length of ballot propositions included in the pamphlet. Since we can not predict the number or length of the ballot propositions that will be included in the 2004 publicity pamphlet, we can not estimate the total cost to produce the pamphlet. For the 2002 election, the Secretary of State spent \$585,300 to produce and mail the pamphlet. Including HCR 2004 on the ballot would result in a minimal cost to the state if adding the resolution caused the Secretary of State to spend more producing and distributing the pamphlet than the office spent for the 2002 election.

If the resolution were to be passed by the voters, the Secretary of State would have to update all agency printed and electronic materials (official forms, envelopes, business cards, the agency web site, etc.). These activities would require staff time, however, they could be accomplished within existing agency resources.

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**Local Government Impact**

The counties are responsible for administering statewide elections. Including the resolution on the 2004 election ballot would result in a minimal cost to the counties if adding the resolution caused them to spend more producing the ballot than they did for the 2002 election.

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